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SUBJECT: FIRST PRESS CONFERENCE BY POWELL AS ULSTER CANDIDATE  
FOR PARLIAMENT

REF: BELFAST 116

1. ENOCH POWELL OFFICIAL UNIONIST CANDIDATE FOR PARLIAMENT  
GAVE HIS FIRST PRESS CONFERENCE AS CANDIDATE IN BELFAST  
SEPT. 4. MAIN POINTS WERE:
  - (A) FULL SUPPORT FOR CONCEPT OF NORTHERN IRELAND AS UNIT IN  
FEDERAL UNITED KINGDOM,
  - (B) UNIONIST RELATIONS WITH CONSERVATIVE PARTY IN NEXT PARLIAMENT  
DEPENDENT UPON TORY ATTITUDE TOWARD ULSTER,
  - (C) BIPARTISAN WESTMINSTER APPROACH WAS RESPONSIBLE FOR ATTEMPTS  
RECONCILE IRRECONCIALABLE OPPOSITES, THOSE WHO WISHED BE  
PART OF U.K. AND THOSE WHO WISHED BELONG TO FOREIGN STATE,  
THE REPUBLIC,
  - (D) BOTH POWER-SHARING AND REPARTITION CONCEPTS DISCARDED AS  
RESPECTIVELY IMPRACTICABLE AND FATALLY DANGEROUS.  
ROLE OF REPUBLIC OF IRELAND HE SAID WAS THAT AS ADJACENT,  
CONTIGUOUS COUNTRY TO ULSTER. POWELL DENIED ANY PERSONAL

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HOSTILITY TOWARD REPUBLIC.

(E) IT INAPPROPRIATE FOR ONE NOT ELECTED AS M.P. TO COMMENT  
ON POSSIBLE FUTURE LEADERSHIP ULSTER UNIONIST GROUP IN  
PARLIAMENT.

2. VENUE POWELL PRESS CONFERENCE MOVED FROM ORIGINAL SITE TO  
TWO OTHER PLACES BEFORE FINALLY BEING HELD BECAUSE OF BOMB THREAT.  
300-400 POUND PROXY BOMB AT UNIONIST PARTY HEADQUARTERS GLENGALL  
STREET LATER DEFUSED BY ARMY. POWELL COOLNESS THIS EPISODE AND  
HIS PROMISE ESTABLISH RESIDENCE IN CONSTITUENCY FAVORABLY  
REPORTED LOCAL PRESS.

3. COMMENT: IT OBVIOUS FROM REACTIONS ALL ALONG POLITICAL  
SPECTRUM HERE THAT WHILE ATTITUDES TOWARD HIM RANGE FROM  
OUTRIGHT ANIMOSITY TO ENTHUSIASTIC ADMIRATION POWELL IS NOT  
RPT NOT BEING TAKEN LIGHTLY. HE IS A NEW FORCE TO BE RECKONED  
WITH IN NORTHERN IRELAND.  
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